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PROBLEMS--POPULATION GROWTH AND ADEQUATE FOOD PRODUCTION
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1. I HAVE BEEN HERE ONLY TWO WEEKS AND WILL BE
ADDRESSING OVER TIME THESE AND OTHER ECONOMIC PROBLEMS
WITH THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND
OTHER SENIOR THAI OFFICIALS. I WILL REPORT THE
RELEVANT CONVERSATIONS.

2. IN THE CASE OF POPULATION CONTROL, THE THAIS ARE
SUCCESSFULLY FOLLOWING A VERY VIGOROUS PROGRAM.
WE ARE PROVIDING USEFUL ASSISTANCE AND THEY NEED NO
FURTHER STIMULATION. NUMEROUS U.S. PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS
ARE ALSO INVOLVED AND I WILL BE TAKING SENIOR MEMBERS
OF THE POPULATION CRISIS COMMITTEE TO MEET WITH THE
PRIME MINISTER AND SENIOR THAI GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS
EARLY NEXT MONTH.

3. THAILAND OF COURSE IS NOT A FOOD DEFICIT COUNTRY BUT
IS A MAJOR EXPORTER. THAIS ARE WORKING HARD ON IMPROVING
FARM INCOME. THE KING CITED IT TO ME AS THAILAND'S
MAJOR PRIORITY. THAILAND HAS SIGNIFICANT SCOPE TO
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EXPAND ITS FOOD PRODUCTION ALTHOUGH IN THE SHORT RUN THAT
COULD RAISE SOME OBVIOUS PROBLEMS. INDEED, THE PRIME
MINISTER MENTIONED HIS CONCERN ABOUT THE IMPACT OF U.S.
PRODUCTION ON THAI EXPORTS. ABRAMOWITZ

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